

**REMARKS**

The present remarks are in response to the Office Action dated February 23, 2007, in which the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 3-16. The Examiner rejected claims 5, 8 and 15 under a second paragraph 112 rejection for being indefinite and failing to point out and distinctly claim the invention. Additionally, claims 1 and 3-16 are rejected on 102(e) grounds as being anticipated.

Although the Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's grounds for rejection, the Applicant has amended the claims to expedite the prosecution of this patent application. The Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 11. Additionally, dependent claims 5, 8 and 15 have also been amended. Furthermore, new dependent claims 21-24 have been included in this Response. In view of the newly added claim limitations, the Applicant requests the Examiner place all claims detailed in the application in a state of allowance. No new matter has been added.

**A. 35 USC Section 112**

The Examiner rejected claims 5, 8 and 15 under a second paragraph 112 rejection for being indefinite and failing to point out and distinctly claim the invention.

With respect to claim 5, the Examiner states that the phrase, "metaphorically correct manner," renders the claim indefinite. To overcome the rejection, the Applicant has amended claim 5 to include a user interacting with a 3-D metaphor. Support for this claim amendment is provided *inter alia* in Paragraph 0063 of Applicant's published patent application.

With respect to claims 8 and 15 the Examiner has stated that the phrase "such as" renders the claim indefinite. To overcome this rejection, the Applicant has

amended claims 8 and 15 and claimed the group of actions as a Markush Group and replaced “such as” with “selected from the group consisting of.” See MPEP 2173.05(h).

**B. Prior Art Rejection (35 USC Section 102(e))**

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, and 3-16 under 35 U.S.C. 102 (e) as being anticipated by Chesley et al., (U.S. Patent 7,065,553) hereinafter “Chesley.” Although the Applicant respectfully disagrees with the grounds for rejection, the Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 11 to overcome the rejection.

The Examiner’s Action states that regarding claims 1 and 11, Chesley discloses all the elements of the claimed invention. Although the Applicant disagrees, the Applicant has amended the claims to expedite the prosecution of this patent application.

More particularly, claims 1 and 11 have been amended to include *inter alia*, downloading the interface engine that supports low bandwidth connection to each client, wherein the interface engine is configured as a Java applet that is cached within a Java enabled browser, and navigating the avatar objects on each client within the confines of the immersive online community by receiving dynamically generated content. Support for these claim amendments is provided *inter alia* in Paragraphs 0041, 0042, and 0045 of Applicant’s Published Patent Application.

Applicant respectfully submits that Chesley fails to teach *inter alia* downloading the interface engine that supports low bandwidth connection to each client, wherein the interface engine is configured as a Java applet that is cached within a Java enabled browser.

The Examiner's Action referred to Chesley at col. 20: line 50 – col. 21: Line 57 for the proposition that Chesley teaches the use of interactive Java tools. See Page 4 of Examiner's Action. In summary, Chesley describes the, "ability of an object to sense the change in other objects that produce various types of data ... in the VWE." Thus, although Chesley teaches interactivity, Chesley fails to include Applicant's limitations regarding an interface engine configured as a Java applet that is cached within a Java enabled browser that supports a low bandwidth connection.

Additionally, the Examiner referred to col. 14: lines 50 – 55 and col. 16: lines 39-52 for the proposition that Chesley teaches an interface engine residing in a Java environment. See Page 5 of Examiner's Action. In col. 14, Chesley makes a singular reference to Java and then continues to describe a DHTML implementation that does NOT describe a Java Applet that is cached within a Java enabled browser and that supports a low bandwidth connection.

Furthermore, Applicant respectfully submits that resulting interface engine is relatively small as claimed in NEW claims 21 and 23. More particularly, the interface engine is approximately 30 kilobytes as claimed in NEW claims 22 and 24. Support for these new limitations is provided in Paragraph 0041 of Applicant's Published Patent Application.

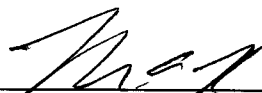
The remaining dependent claims depend from currently amended claim 1 and Applicant respectfully submits that each of the dependent claims is in a condition for allowance.

**C. Conclusion**

In view of all of the foregoing, claims 1, 3 – 16, and 21-24 overcome the prior art rejections and are now patentably distinct and in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted

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